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## Ireland Visited: Peace & Conflict

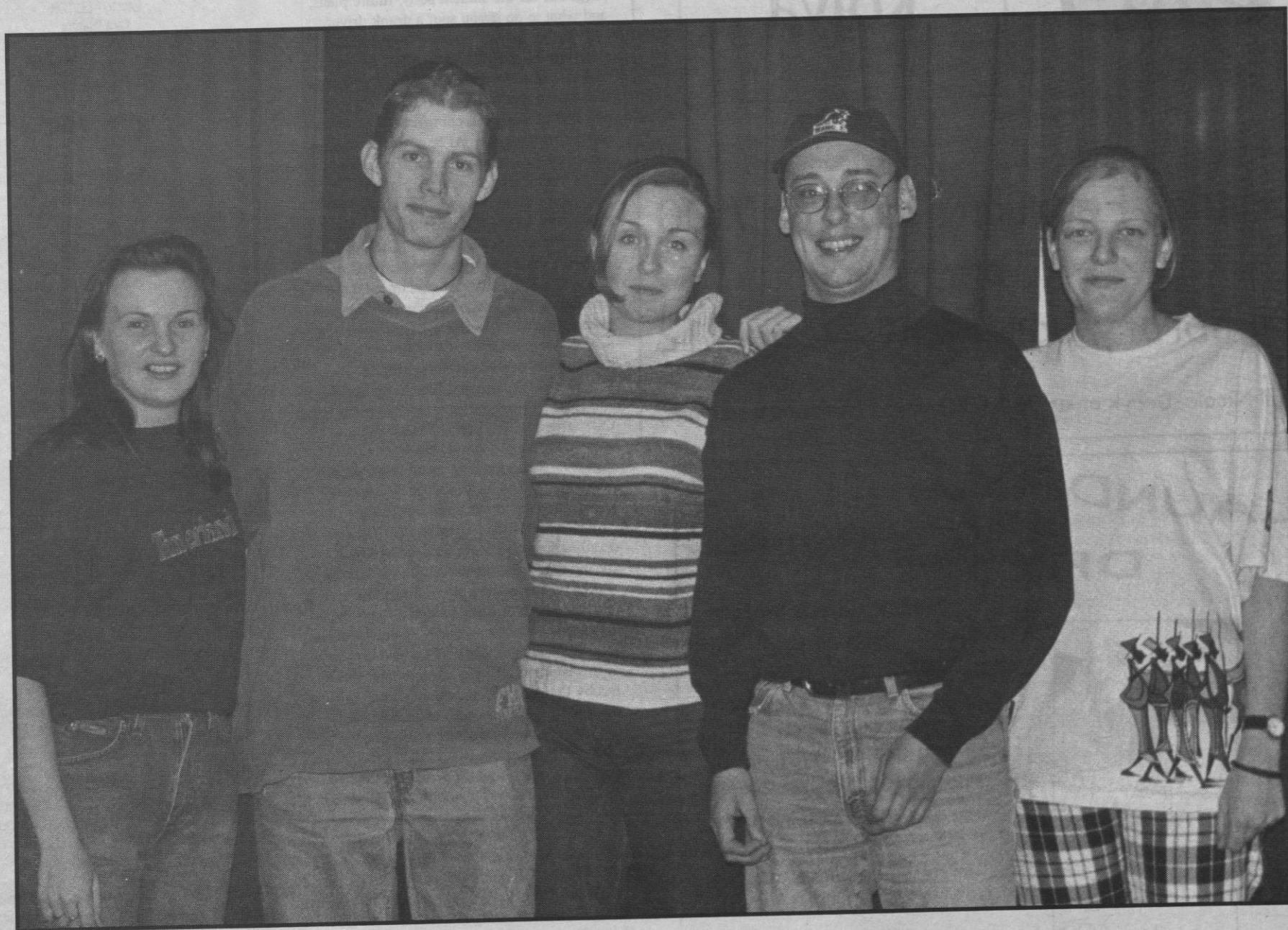


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Spring semester's new students from Ireland. From left to right: Isobel O'Kane, Conor Horan, Eileen Woods, Kieron Danielson, and Freya Crunden. The new Irish students not shown are Colum Delaney and Cormac Gleason.

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## Regis Film Night

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BACCHUS  
Suggests

Justin Walker

In America every thirty minutes someone dies in an alcohol-related traffic crash. Drunk driving affects most people at some point in their lives. Luckily, Regis has recognized the need for a student organization based on education and prevention, especially in matters concerning drunk driving.

BACCHUS, Regis' substance abuse prevention and peer education club, has tripled in size since it was re-established three years ago. Due to the two tragic car accidents that took place the second week of January, BACCHUS is increasing the efforts to enhance the student body's safety. Some concerns have been brought to our attention by students, and our organization would like to respond to these concerns by addressing the legal ramifications of driving while intoxicated, BACCHUS's programs for the student body, future plans, and what to do if you spot a drunk driver.

Drunk driving must be stopped, and everyone must put forth an effort to stop it. Colorado has started this process by passing a law stating that a .10% blood alcohol concentration (BAC) constitutes a driver as under the influence. At best, drivers charged with a DUI receive a license suspension, serve prison time, pay a fine, and complete community service. I interviewed Captain Larry Tolar of the Colorado on the Zero Tolerance laws for this article. The Zero Tolerance laws have lowered the BAC of a minor to .02%. He also stated that if a minor is arrested, his/her license can be suspended or even revoked, "even if that minor is no where near a motor vehicle". Our nation's cry for help has reached some of the biggest breweries in the country, like Anheuser-Busch and Coors. Programs such as, "Make the Right Call" give students the perspective of an emergency helicopter and the horrors involving alcohol. They, in turn, are getting involved with the nation's colleges and universities to stop underage drinking.

BACCHUS is currently planning a week detailing how to have a safe spring break. During this week (Feb. 20-27) BACCHUS will be co-sponsoring programs in the residence halls that are designed to promote discussion about issues such as alcohol abuse, acquaintance rape, and STD's. The highlight of this week will be the keynote address by Bobby Petrocchi, is a nationally known motivational speaker with an anti-drunk driving message geared towards college students. In addition, BACCHUS brought back the Metro Taxi vouchers to sell to students for \$9.00 allow students a safe return to campus from bars or parties. For more information about the taxi vouchers please call Sally Spencer-Thomas at 458-4323. Finally BACCHUS will continue sponsoring the UnBar at Thursday Thrills to offer students an alternative to drinking alcohol.

Because drunk driving has become such a huge problem, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Natural History Museum Hall of Life have started a hotline to report drivers who may be intoxicated. Behaviors include weaving from side to side; hitting objects in or on the side of the road; cutting corners; and driving with their headlights off at night. The toll-free number is (888) 477-HEAT (477-4328). They also warn other drivers to stay a safe distance from the vehicle, drive defensively, and never attempt to stop, approach, or chase the driver.

There are programs out there to help us prevent loss or injury through drunk driving. Be considerate of other's lives, as well as your own. Drive smart and sober. And encourage friends to do the same.

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Regis Recognized**To Get Away**

Darcy Fehringer

I know that many students at Regis feel that this is a great place to be (or at the very least a good place). But sometimes our lives here get to be more than we can handle, and we need to get away, gather our thoughts and emotions, re-center ourselves, and get some fresh air. Fortunately, Regis offers students the opportunity via a variety of retreats.

Campus Ministry's retreats are open to everyone; it doesn't matter if you're Catholic, Evangelical, or Hare Krishna. You may have heard your friends talking—or not talking—about last weekend's Kairos retreat which involved almost 80 Regis students, faculty and staff.

Karen Smith, Campus Ministry Retreat Coordinator, said, "I feel it is important to get people together in a different setting, away from the way we live on campus to a place where barriers can be broken down—or where they never really exist." Smith continued, "It gives us a new way to be together. Regis has a good community spirit and retreats give us the opportunity to explore that in a new way."

In addition to the Kairos retreat, Campus Ministry offers the Fall Mountain Retreat and the Senior Decision-Making Retreat. This year they're offering a new retreat, the Busy Student Retreat, in March. Sunday evenings, students are paired with a spiritual director, with whom they meet for about half an hour each day that week.

The President's Leadership Program seminars each include a retreat also, which may range from two days of intense seminars to an entire weekend in the mountains. These retreats are usually centered around goal-setting, group activities, recognizing individual strengths and weaknesses, teamwork, and leadership styles.

Exec Cab. Pres. Jennifer McNamara has been on seven retreats during her four years at Regis. "I truly enjoy retreats, not only because of the opportunity to meet new people, but to get to know myself as well," she said. "It's an incredible experience when you actually make the time to reflect on the important issues that get lost in the day-to-day rush."

**Brain Injuries Studied,  
Not Induced**

MaryAnn L. Strook

Ever wonder what an ischemia is? Or what may cause lesions within the parietal lobe, and what behaviors may result from such an injury? Have you ever thought about how brain injuries may be studied, or how treatments are discovered for brain injured patients?

Neuroscience is the wave of the future, not only within the sciences, but also in academics. Regis' new major, Neuroscience, provides a stepping stone for many interested in this relatively new science. Like many majors, there is a required seminar class for Neuroscience majors. This seminar was created to facilitate the development of student familiarity with the diversity of specializations within the Neuroscience major. This semester, Dr. Chuck Breese from the University of Colorado Health Services Center is teaching the Neuroscience seminar, focusing on traumatic brain injury. Dr. Breese has arranged for several speakers who specialize in some aspects of brain injury.

Beginning Friday, February 13th at noon in Science 104, the first speaker, Mike Lee will be discussing the use of animal models in brain injury studies. Lee is currently obtaining his Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Colorado School of Health Sciences. His concentration of study is primarily in the observation of the role of neuronal nicotine receptors in the smoking behavior of schizophrenic patients.

On Monday, February 16th, at 6 p.m. in Science 105, Dr. Herb Alpern from the Psychology department of the University of Colorado at Boulder, will be speaking on imaging techniques for brain injuries. Dr. Alpern's area of interest lies in clinical neuroscience, neuropsychology, psychopharmacology, head injuries, memory disorders, seizures, stress, and psychotic drugs. Recently, he had a publication in the Journal of Psychopharmacology.

As the semester continues, several others will be visiting Regis to discuss traumatic brain injury; to be announced in the Highlander. All of the Regis community are encouraged to attend.

Prez Says

Jennifer McNamara

Have you ever looked around and thought, "Regis could be so much better if they only did [insert profound notion here]"? Well, here's one insight for you: the "they" in that comment usually is not an ambiguous entity of which nothing is known. THEY is usually administration, faculty, staff, and student government. THEY might even possibly be YOU, without even you knowing it. If you have concerns, ideas, or even just a desire to get involved in what goes on at Regis, I suggest you take a look at the open doors surrounding you.

Due today (Monday, February 9th) at 5 p.m. in Student Activities are the packets to run for the offices of President, Vice President, and Chief Justice. Interested in taking student issues to administration and acting as a liaison for the student body? Consider being President. Not only do you sharpen your communication skills, but you also have the opportunity to work on management skills through your supervision of Executive Cabinet. How about continuing the improvement of Senate? Run for Vice President and become an active participant in the organization of our student government, and hearing the representative voice of clubs and organizations. Concerned with protecting the rights of students as they undergo the disciplinary process on campus? Become Chief Justice and work closely with the Judicial Board to ensure that integrity and fairness are upheld.

If you have specific interests (e.g., student involvement, multi-cultural affairs, Thursday Thrills), maybe being a director on the Executive Cabinet is for you. You work towards your individual goals as well as the goals set for you by the students. Be part of a team that holds the student as its priority and continually strives to serve Regis and the community. Learn more about yourself and others through exposure to diverse leadership styles and interests.

But, if these options do not appeal to you, there are more around the corner via various committees, councils, and clubs. The bottom line remains the same: if you care enough to make a difference for your school, then you have the dedication it takes to become a leader in making it all happen. Please take a look at your values and priorities; if Regis and its students are among them, then let your actions reflect it, and become involved.

**Eating Disorders Support Group for  
Students at Regis**

Eating disorders are common among both men and women everywhere. College students, especially women, are at high risk to develop an eating disorder. This is, in part, due to the high academic and social pressures which students are faced with. Personal Counseling Services is aware of these challenges and has been running an informal support group since October 1997 for students living with an eating disorder. Recently, the members of the group and its facilitator decided they would like to expand its undergraduate student membership.

Personal Counseling Services would like to offer support and encouragement to women and men who are wanting to recover from an eating disorder. This process takes hard work and courage, but you do not have to do it alone. The group will meet from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Thursdays in the Meditation Room of the Life Directions Center. This group will begin meeting on February 19th and continue through May 1998. Members are encouraged, but not obligated, to attend until May.

Manuella Paharia, a personal counselor, will be facilitating the group. To join, call Manuella at 458-4962. If you reach voice mail, please leave a message and Manuella will return your call ASAP. This group will observe ethical and confidential guidelines, and you are also welcome to attend the group without calling first. The beginning steps are always the hardest, and we at Personal Counseling would like to help you take those steps, on a road to recovery.

**Peer Education**

On Friday, February 20th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education will hold a regional workshop to certify students as peer educators.

Check out next week's Highlander for more information or call Sally Spencer-Thomas at 458-4323.

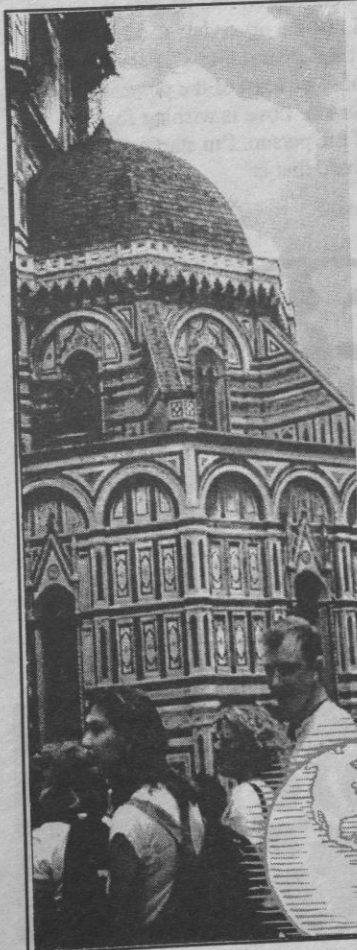
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## Get Over It Gena

Desperately  
Seeking Chile  
Rellenos

Gena Gaurmer

This being the week of Valentine's Day, and subsequently the week of the day when commercial America recognizes love and romance, I thought it would be appropriate to write yet another column on the loves of my life.

First off, let me just say, I know what I will be doing February 14th. It will not involve tacky red boxes of cheesy chocolates and half dead flowers. Oh no. It will be me, an order of chile rellenos, a few Lindt Lindors, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and maybe my boyfriend. Probably not, though, as Valentine's Day should really be an intimate time between loved ones.

Yes, chile rellenos are my first love. Should I die tomorrow, may it be because I have gorged myself on their cheesy, chile-y wonderful-ness. Have you ever noticed that apart, it's just chiles, just cheese, just batter, but together! Ah, together, I imagine a Heaven where the chile rellenos grow out of the ground and from the trees and flow freely like water! One may say that such love for an object of food is sick and warped, but to them I would say: Has a chile relleno ever not returned your call? Has a chile relleno ever dumped you for a cute, blonde chile relleno? My guess would be no. They have always been there for me.

Reese's really need no explanation. So, let me tell you what a Lindor is. Somewhere in the rolling fjords of Sweden the remarkable people of Scandinavia hath wrought a divine piece of chocolate. A little ball of chocolate, filled with more chocolate. Let me just say that Lindors bury Godiva, Dove, all of them. They rule! And, every time you buy some, you contribute to the Swedish economy. Bonus!

In ending, you spend your Valentine's Day engaging in typical, boring Valentine's Day behavior, eating expensive food you don't really like, etc. I, however, will be with the ones I love. You tell me who's really pathetic.

## L'histoire d'Amour

Lexie Justice

On February 14th, almost everyone will be receiving a letter, a mushy card spouting sweet tidings, a big red heart, flowers, or something that screams romance. Valentine's Day has become a special day that we all look forward to (or dread) to honor "love." So, as the big day draws near, many of you may be trying to make dinner arrangements, order those flowers, or create the perfect date. However, how many of us ever stop to think about where this candy-filled holiday originated?

Depending on which source of tradition you look to, there are numerous legends listed for the advent of Valentine's Day. The first, and probably the most simple and unromantic, story is about birds... yes, birds. Apparently, Valentine's Day originated out of the ancient belief that lovebirds

began to mate on February 14th. While I'm sure that this version has some truth to it, there are many other rich tales about a legendary man named Valentine.

Who was Valentine? This is a difficult question to answer. Several different sources believe that there were two separate men, each named Valentine. One was a Roman bishop and the other was a Roman priest. Somehow their respective biographies were intertwined into one legend. Others say that there was only one Valentine and his biography gave rise to two different legends. The only thing history is sure of is that a man named Valentine did exist, and he was killed for being a Christian. After that, the stories are all myth and legend.

The most popular account of the legendary Valentine goes something like this: Valentine lived as a priest during the reign of Roman Emperor Claudius II Gothicus, known as Claudius the Cruel. His reign was renowned for tyranny and bloodshed. During his time as

Emperor, Claudius outlawed marriage, believing that soldiers would be more willing to leave home and fight without a wife and family to tie them down. So far, this isn't much of a love story. However, Valentine, ignoring the laws and recognizing the passion of lovers, secretly continued to marry couples. He soon was arrested and thrown in jail until his execution by beheading in 270 AD. The date of February 14th was set aside to remember this Saint. Now, this is not necessarily a great romantic legend that would

inspire the Valentine's Day as we know it, with all the fluff. So, how did the celebration develop to a world-recognized holiday? The answer, amazingly enough, is Catholicism.

St. Valentine's Day was traditionally celebrated one day before the Roman feast of Lupercalia, a pagan love and fertility festival. In

496 AD, Pope Gelasius, denouncing pagan religions, move Lupercalia from February 15th to February 14th to stop the pagan celebration. The Roman Catholic Church recognized that there was nothing wrong with celebrating love, only the pagan elements that insulted God. Thus, Lupercalia was abolished, but the celebration left its mark on Valentine's Day. Valentine became known as the patron saint of love.

Over the years, the Church's emphasis and recognition of the saintly day diminished, and the emphasis on lovers arose. Charles, the Duke of Orleans, sent the earliest existing Valentine card in 1415, quite a few years after the birth of the holiday. The notion of cards, trinkets, and gifts became increasingly more popular during the Victorian Era, despite the church's efforts to return it to a saintly day. During this period Valentine projects became so elegant and complex that some were actually passed on as family heirlooms.

Needless to say, Valentine's Day has come a long way from its origins. Yet, for whatever reason, Valentine's Day gives us all a great excuse to display even more love than usual to those around us.

## Liberal Line

## I Suggest Lust

Amy Lewis

I can guess what Pat Kraus is going to write—something about how love is this booming economy, and how if we didn't have it, there would be a lot of people out of work. His example would have to do with the prostitution on Colfax and its bizaare contribution to the expansion of capitalism. As much as I would like to disagree with Pat on the payback of artificial love, I would rather talk about love versus lust.

Up until this Valentine's Day, lust has been a common theme in my life. Lust is exciting. You can lust after a person and give him the personality you have always wanted to meet. Instead of this "What do you want to do tonight? I don't know, whatever you want to do?" conversation, you can have this conversation: "What do you want to do tonight? Why don't we go up to Lookout Mountain, gaze into each other's eyes, and talk about how the glow from the stars reflect on my face, beautifully." Now that is a lustful conversation. So what if it's just a construction of my imagination. For me, it's all I need. So what if your friends will never meet this person or your family will never sit down to dinner with Mr. or Ms. Lust. You're happy. With the three or four people you've fallen in lust with, your schedule is full. Besides, wouldn't you rather spend Valentine's Day with a group of friends and good conversation. Maybe whining about how weird confusing relationships are and how if you were involved with someone, they wouldn't deserve you, anyway. It tops being out to dinner with some random person that your mom set you up with. However, this date lasts no longer than two hours. Unfortunately, love has been societally defined as having to last longer.

Love is hard work. You can't put words in someone else's mouth. The things you hear aren't always what you want to hear. Love is wonderful, but it can also make you crazy. You find yourself peeking around corners, tapping phone lines, and getting jealous because he's behind you holding the door open for some cute little thing, in a skirt, without a brain cell in her head, named Felicia. There was something a professor of mine said just the other day, and I think it brings out the central theme of love. Love isn't jealousy or want of the possession of another person. Love is wishing for the growth of the person. I'm starting to realize just how hard that is.



## Always Alma

## The True Meaning of Love

Alma Meeker

What's up with this whole Valentine's Day thing? If you're alone, or semi-alone, Valentine's Day can be a big letdown. So, before you grab a big bag of potato chips, a pint of Chunky Monkey, and twenty sappy videos to drown your sorrows, consider some alternatives.

Stop thinking that being alone is a crime. It's not. Hey, everyone finds themselves in solitary at one point in their lives. In fact, think of being single as a bonus: you're free to explore your possibilities. Just because you don't have a date doesn't mean you have to stay home.

Go to a club with a bunch of single friends. Who knows? Maybe you'll find someone that meets your specifications. If not, you'll still have a great time. Just don't mope the whole night. Distribute candy and valentines like you did in grade school. It will make you feel better and take your mind off of singledom.

Pamper yourself. Go to the salon and get a makeover and then paint the town red. It really doesn't matter what you do, as long as you realize that dates don't equal love. Self-love is much more important.



# Yeah Valentine's Day!



# Irish Exchange Students on Politics and Pubs

## Movers and Shakers: An Introduction to Political Parties in Northern Ireland

Kieron Davidson

Upon my arrival in the States, one thing struck me—how was I going to explain the situation in Northern Ireland to my American counterparts? In other words, where do I begin?

Perhaps, as good a place as any, is to provide a brief description of the political parties of the province. After all, politics are supposed to represent our points of view. Before I begin, it is necessary to outline the political system under which we operate.

Northern Ireland is governed by the British Parliament in Westminster, England. The rule is called "direct rule" and, in electoral terms, the province is divided into 17 seats.

In Parliament, we are represented by the five main parties—Ulster Unionist Party (UUP, 10 seats), Democratic Unionist Party (DUP, 2 seats), United Kingdom Unionist Party (UKUP, 1 seat), Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP, 3 seats), and Sinn Fein (SF, 2 seats).

The UUP is the largest political party in Northern Ireland and holds the lion's share of seats at Westminster. Their support is derived from the middle-class Protestants who wish to remain within the U.K. In other words, it is a status quo party. The leader is David Trimble and they are represented at the peace talks that are currently underway.

The SDLP is the second largest party in the North. It holds 3 Parliamentary seats. Much of their support comes from the middle-class Catholic population. It is a constitutional nationalist party; that is to say, they wish to change the status quo (i.e. they advocate a united Ireland, but are prepared to achieve that end by democratic means). Their leader is John Hume. They are also represented in the peace talks.

Sinn Fein is gaining support within the

province and is currently hot on the heels of the SDLP, in terms of capturing the majority of the Catholic vote. They hold two seats in Parliament, but because they practice a policy of abstentionism, they do not take their seats. Thereby, they refuse to recognize Britain's claim on Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein is the political wing of the Provisional IRA. They remain reluctant to condemn the use of violence. Their leader is Gerry Adams. They, too, are represented at the peace talks.

The DUP is the second largest party in terms of support from Protestants. They hold two seats in Parliament, and their support comes from the working to middle class Protestants, urban and rural. They strongly support the union with Great Britain, and appear to be unwilling to alter the status quo in any way. They are led by Ian Paisley and are not directly involved in peace talks.

The UKUP is the smallest party represented in the British Parliament with one seat. However, the constituency it represents votes overwhelmingly in their favor. It has a strong middle to upper class support base. Robert McCartney QC is the leader of the UKUP and is reluctant to engage in negotiations with Sinn Fein because they believe that any negotiations with them advocates "talking to terrorists." It will, effectively, lead to a change in the constitutional status of Northern Ireland.

Behind these main parties lie a number of other political parties that are attempting to emerge on the scene. Often, these parties get more publicity in the media, partly because they have something imaginative to say and partly because of their involvement in the peace talks.

Parties to look out for are Alliance, Labor, Women's Coalition, Progressive Unionist Party, and the Ulster Democratic Party. Unfortunately, there is no space to provide a background to these parties.

By now, a pattern should be emerging. There is a great emphasis on religion in terms of the politics in Northern Ireland. If one bears this in mind, the complex issues of who's who on the political, should become clearer and clearer.

This will perhaps provide a foundation to understanding Northern Ireland if and when it is mentioned on the U.S. news.

## Beer, Beer, and a Wee Bit of Rugby

Freyja Crunden

It wasn't until after I had won my scholarship to Regis that they hit me with the bombshell, news that was to shake my very foundations. At first I chuckled thinking someone was joking, but no, I was going to a dry campus, and to a country that I could not legally drink in for the 2 months before my 21st birthday.

Shocked I walked into my local pub, and up to the bar where my pint of Caffreys was already poured by the barman who had seen me walk in. I went and sat in the same seat I always sit in and watched my Caffreys settle

"... the pub is the home  
of perfect beer and  
satellite television which  
means Saturdays involve  
watching live rugby and  
drinking, and then  
drinking some more to  
celebrate or drown your  
sorrows."

into the perfect pint. I thought I was going to cry.

By now you have built up an impression that this is a story about an alcoholic, but you are wrong. It is the story of a 20 year old Northern Irish girl and could be related to most people from Belfast. You see we love our pubs back home, we enshrine them, your local is the center of your life.

In Britain the drinking age is 18, so we have spent our high school years and beyond sitting in the pub. We do none of this going to "The Mall" or hanging out in arcades. When we are 16, we learn how to sit in pubs and learn how to drink for hours on end. My life revolves around my pub. I go at least 6 days a week and I know everyone there. How was I going to survive life in the States?

My tactic was to bring a photograph of my pub with me. This may seem absurd but it is like bringing a picture of your house so that you never forget what it looks like. My pub is my history, and that picture brings memories of great moments in life like meeting my boyfriend, the first time I got caught for under age drinking, the day Ireland beat England at rugby, the day South Africa beat England at rugby, the day New Zealand beat England and so on.

You see the pub is the home of perfect beer and satellite television which means Saturdays involve watching live rugby and drinking, and then drinking some more to celebrate or drown your sorrows.

Everyone thinks all we do in Northern Ireland is fight and hate each other, but when it comes to beer and rugby we are united in a common cause. All people are equal as long as you can hold your drink and you can sing the Irish rugby anthem.

## The Case for Irish Republicanism

Colum Delaney

As a student from the north eastern area of Ireland (the area currently under British jurisdiction) studying politics, and specifically for this semester, the Irish conflict, I feel compelled to contribute, in some small way, to the feature in the Highlander newspaper concerning the conflict in Ireland.

I am an Irish Republican (for the benefit of U.S. readers, an Irish Republican aims to create a 32 county Irish Socialist Republic, free from the constraints of British Imperialism, and is not, in any way, related to the right wing rhetoric of American Republicanism), born in West Belfast in 1976, an era of great political upheaval in North Ireland. I do not come from a family particularly steeped in Republican history. Although my grandfather was a volunteer in the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) in the 1930's, my family witnessed injustice at the hands of Protestant extremists (my aunt's home was burnt down and she had to flee with four small children). We also witnessed oppression at the hands of both the British forces and a sectarian police force.

People often ask how and why I became a Republican that supports a violent I.R.A. campaign. My response is that, as a boy of 11 or 12 years of age, I was intimidated by British troops on the street. I was shoved against a wall by these soldiers, and was told I would be shot if I did not tell them where I.R.A. guns were hidden. It was this experience that 'politicized' me. After that encounter, I began to question why British troops roamed freely, without any mandate, on Irish soil. I studied the history of my own country, and found that the British had invaded Ireland 800 years ago in their empire-building experience. Their excuse for this colonization was to 'civilize the Irish barbarians.' Irish history is littered with examples of British misrule in Ireland, suppression, torture, and denial of rights and culture. There are numerous other examples associated with an Imperialist power. The I.R.A. emerged in 1916 as a revolutionary guerilla army in an attempt to rid Ireland of its oppressor. The modern I.R.A., also known as the Provisional I.R.A., carry on that revolutionary struggle. The I.R.A.'s mandate for waging a war comes from two sources. First, it has been passed on from history and tradition, and secondly from British occupation of Ireland.

Does the I.R.A. have a right to use violence? Well, the I.R.A. exists because of British occupation in Ireland. I believe they have a moral and legitimate right to engage in a struggle for independence. In the past, it has been argued by some people that the British occupied Ireland so long ago that it should be forgotten about. Should we then forget about World War II, the suppression of Native American people, or the denial of rights for the African-American people? Of course not. We will never solve our present problems unless we solve our past, because in Ireland, the past and the present are one and the same. Violence and suffering will continue in Ireland until the root causes of conflict are addressed—namely the partition and segregation of Ireland and Her subjugation under British misrule.

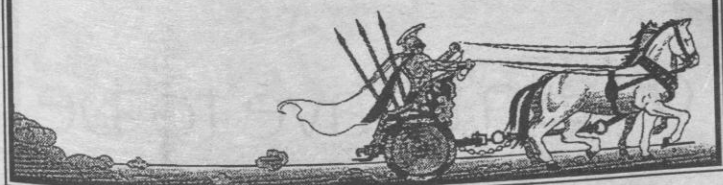
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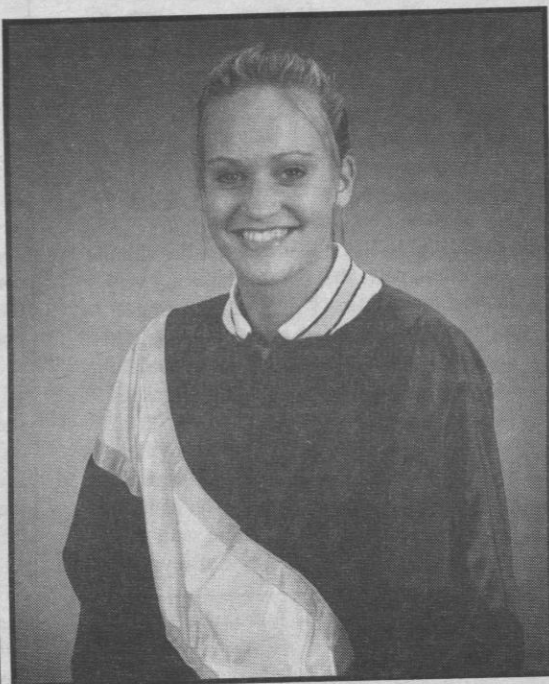




## Ones to Watch

**NAME:** Dena Koskovich  
**YEAR:** Senior  
**SPORT:** Basketball  
**NUMBER:** 24

**PERSONAL:** Dena, one of Regis' key players, has helped lead the team in the '98 season. She has started in 16 out of 20 games and has averaged over 12 points a game. Dena's leadership and experience, both on and off the court, has proven valuable to the squad.



## Berry Good!!

Regis' Dwight Berry, 27 year old team standout, has been nominated RMAC basketball player of the week. He boasted 25 points and 16 rebounds to lead the team in a gut-wrenching game against the nationally ranked Nebraska-Kearney. Berry's play has been instrumental in Regis's 16-4 record.

## Aspen

**Where:** 200 miles from Denver, via I-70 and Colorado 82.

**What's There:** Four mountains, accessible on one fully interchangeable ticket. Right in town is famed Aspen Mountain, with a 3,267-foot vertical drop, 76 trails, 625 acres, one gondola, one high-speed quad chairlift, two conventional-speed quads, one high-speed double, three doubles. Nearby are Aspen Highlands, with 3,636-foot vertical drop, 81 trails, 619 acres, two high-speed quads, seven doubles, two surface lifts and Buttermilk, with 2,030-foot vertical drop, 45 trails, one high-speed quad, five doubles, two surface lifts. Snowmass is 12 miles away. Aspen and all four mountains are linked by free ski buses.

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**Noteworthy:** Four mountains, each with its own style, give skiers a variety unsurpassed at any other single resort. Aspen Mountain, 51 years young this winter, remains a challenging classic for skiers only (snowboards prohibited). Aspen Highlands offers terrain for all ability levels, with great easy slopes on the bottom and spectacular intermediate to high-expert trails, glades and bowls above. Buttermilk is Aspen's congenial area for new and intermediate skiers and families, offering terrific ski and snowboard instruction. Customer service at all four areas includes free postcards and postage available at all ticket offices, a huge cadre of volunteer ski ambassadors who give complimentary mountain tours and answer questions and more services. The best idea is checking your equipment at the bottom of one mountain at the end of the day, paying \$2, and having it delivered to another mountain the next morning. Performance Centers on Aspen Mountain and Buttermilk offer such diagnostics as video analysis as well as boot fitting and canting.

**Best Deals:** New Independence Pass, a new lift ticket for ages 13 to 27 (that's right, 27!) for \$39. Treasures of Aspen, economical packages combining three nights' lodging at 17 low-cost, no-frills inns and skiing on four mountains.

**Season:** End of November to Mid-April

**Lodging & Ski Tours:** Book Aspen Ski Vacations at GORP Skiing & Snowboarding Tours.

**Snowboarding:** No

**Terrain:** Intermediate 35%, Advanced 35%, Expert 30%

**Average Annual Snowfall:** Aspen receives approximately 300 inches of snow per season.

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## Fast-Paced Finish

Lexie Justice

The Regis Women's basketball team, currently 7-6 in the conference, is looking to finish out the last quarter of the season on a winning streak. After dropping their last two games to Nebraska Kearney (1-30-98) and Ft. Hays State (1-31-98), the Rangers hope to pick up the play and close a successful '98 season.

The Rangers are led by a core group consisting of Jeni Roeder (averaging a team high of 4.2 rebounds a game), Michele Eccher (who has started in all 20 games), Kelly Carmichael (leads the starters averaging 82% from the free throw line), Dena Koskovich (who adds another 4.1 rebounds per game, and Meshach Rhoades (who has seen the most playing time on the Ranger squad). Cindy Arangua, Katie Beamon, and Jennifer Coulter provide the needed depth off the bench.

Although this Ranger team works well as a unit, there is a lot of individual, stand-out talent. Six times throughout the season Michele Eccher has lead the team in scoring. Her personal game high in the '98 season is 28 points. Jeni Roeder, also having a great season, has been the leading rebounder seven times throughout the season with a personal best of 9 boards in a game.

These Rangers are a skilled group of basketball players. If you have not gotten the chance to watch them play yet, I would recommend you high-tail it to one of their next games before the season is over.

## Good Luck Spring Sports!

## Tournament of Champions

McCabe Callahan

Over the last two weeks, Regis Men's basketball has been at war with the other top three teams in the league. The top four teams of the NCAA Division II RMAC division are Nebraska-Kearney, Fort Hayes State, Regis University, and The Met.

The battles between the four teams for first place have gone as follows: Metro State beat Regis University, but lost to Fort Hayes and Nebraska-Kearney; Nebraska-Kearney beat Regis University and Metro State, but lost to Fort Hayes; Fort Hayes beat Nebraska-Kearney and Metro State, but lost to Regis; and Regis beat Fort Hayes, but lost to Nebraska-Kearney and Metro State.

Now, the only thing this confusing mess shows is that no one is on top. Right now, division rankings are in disarray because of come-back wins and underdog victories.

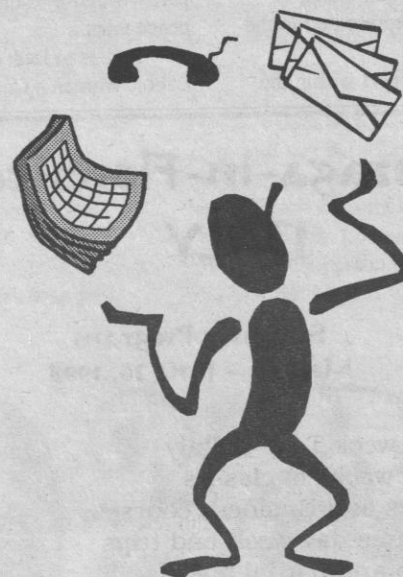
Sports analysts seem to think the current rankings are as follows: Fort Hayes State in first, Regis University in Second, Nebraska-Kearney in third, and Metropolitan State in fourth. This isn't an official ranking, but these predictions are believed to be fairly accurate for the end of the season race. If things continue as they are, it will be a photo finish to decide the final rankings of the conference.

Regis University is stronger than ever with its all-star starting five and excellent substitution list. If Regis can keep up their level of play and continue to be competitive, they will be a top contender in the bout to be the best.

The team plays their next two games away beginning with Nebraska-Kearney and moving onto Kansas to battle Fort Hayes States. Over the next few weeks, the team will have to be on their toes.

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George Du Fresne (left) as Ludovic and Helene Vincent (right) in the film *Ma Vie en Rose*.

### Sound Bites cont.

A= Amazing! A must buy for everyone.  
B= Top notch! Take a good long listen; shouldn't miss if you like the type of music.  
C= Okay! This will be appreciated if you like the genre.  
D= It's a possible buy if you are a fan of the group.  
F= Stay away! It will soon be 99 cents at the used store.

**Behan Johnson B+**  
Self-titled  
(RCA)

Behan Johnson is a mellow eclectic mix of modern, folk, jazz and soul music. Behan Johnson has a beautiful voice, and Deron Johnson is a multi-instrumentalist with a true talent. Behan's voice fits the music perfectly, you could not desire anything more. Deron has a true musical talent, no matter what instrument he plays it always sounds great. will be playing at the Fox Theater in Boulder Friday the 13 and Saturday the 14...check them out.

**Porcupine Tree B+**  
Signify  
(ARK 21 Records)

Porcupine Tree was started out ten years ago in Britain by Steve Wilson, and Signify is their US Debut. Porcupine tree has been doing something new with their music, pushing progressive rock towards the future. They have been compared to Pink Floyd, Frank Zappa and King Crimson, but they have been pushing progressive music into the 90's using the latest technology. Signify is Porcupine Tree's fifth studio album, and it is also the first album to include a live drummer through out the entire album. This album is an amazing, it does a great job of mixing live music and technology. Wilson has taken his ambient beginnings into an enrapturing sound that mixes Pink floyd with sampling and looping technology.

**The Mayfield Four B**  
Motion  
(Epic Records)

Motion is a good live album. When I listened to the CD the song 10K truly reminded me of the work of Pearl Jam. The band has an amazing guitarist, who every now and then breaks into breathtaking solo's. Their drummer is exceptional, he always has a good beat to complement the music. They also have a great bass guitarist who helps pull the music together. The vocalist is good, but I am left wanting a little more from him.

**The Psycho Realm B-**  
CK 68153  
(Ruff House Records)

The album CK 6813 by the Psycho Realm is a good Rap Album. In one of their songs they try to mix traditional Mexican music with rap, but they are not able to pull it off well. In general the album is good but not exceptional. Psycho Realm always has a decent beat and their songs are good. The track that really sticks out for me is La Conecta (PT.2)/Goin' In Circles Outro, because of it's originality. If you enjoy rap give this album a try, because you never know until you listen. The Psycho Realm play this Friday the 13th at the Mammoth Events Center with the Insane Clown Posse, so check them out.

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## Love, Sex & Deviancy

Brian Andrews

"*Ma Vie en Rose*" is a story, told with irresistible good humor and minimal psychologizing, of the far-reaching consequences of Ludovic's sexual deviance. It is a story of a young man who believes that he is a girl.

Ludovic's fondness for dresses, love of lipstick, and his stubbornly held dream of one day marrying the little boy next door has nearly torn apart his parents' marriage, cost his father his job, and forced his family to move out of a French suburb where they have become outcasts.

Pierre (Jean-Philippe Ecoffey) and Hanna (Michele Laroque) celebrate their arrival in a manicured Paris suburb with a housewarming party where their 7-year-old son, Ludovic (Georges Du Fresne), appears before the guests dressed as a fairy princess. This is viewed by the family as a phase that he will soon grow out of.

However the hope fades when

Ludovic's mother catches him engaging in a mock wedding ceremony with Jerome (Julien Riviere), the boy next door. Ludovic's father, being employed by Jerome's straightlaced father, complicates the situation.

Ludovic's parents, concerned over his sexual deviancy, take him to see a therapist. Through all the adversity, neither parent stopped loving their self-proclaimed "boy-girl."

Still trying to explain his sexuality to others, Ludovic turns an impromptu biology lesson from his older sister into an endearing ingenuous explanation for his gender confusion.

"When God was distributing chromosomes... the chromosome that would have made him female accidentally fell into the garbage."

"When God was distributing chromosomes," he explains gravely to his parents, "the chromosome that would have made him female accidentally fell into the garbage."

This film, even though it deals with difficult material, is worth seeing. The charm of Ludovic and the sincerity of his parents make for an interesting if not endearing story.

## Four Days, an Excellent Political Thriller

Brian Andrews

*Four Days in September*, a film adapted from an autobiographical essay, is a representation of the forming opposition to the military government in Brazil. In 1968, the government outlawed free speech and imposed censorship on the press. Bruno Barreto uses this event as a backdrop for the drama and focuses upon the kidnapping of US Ambassador Charles Burke Elbrick.

This film does not propose a particular political slant, rather it allows the audience to understand the various issues from each point of view. *Four Days* implements archival footage and still photos from the real-life event that occurred 30 years ago.

Elbrick, played by Alan Arkin, is depicted as an honest, compassionate, career diplomat who is keeping a safe distance from Brazilian politics. Although the US offered vague support to the 1964 military junta, Elbrick became a target of a small, newly formed group called the October 8th Revolutionary Movement, or MR-8.

Instead of focusing upon the political bureaucracy, Barreto highlights the interaction between Elbrick and his captors. This film, avoiding some of the more popular cliches, is worth checking out. It opens this Friday at Landmark's Mayan.

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Love, Bertha

Fudge Muffin,  
"DIVE, DIVE" said the captain. So the captain pushed a button  
or something.  
"We foiled then, again," said Dave.  
"We sure did."  
Thank you for the past few months of movies and kisses. I  
adore you.  
XXXOOO, Baby

Jennie-Poo, I love you!  
To the sweetest, most dearest friend and roomie in the entire  
world! Happy Valentines Day, baby-girl!  
Mary

Dolly,  
Let's shag.  
Love, Wooly

Patrick Jacobs,  
I loved the way you slipped the quarters in the video game  
slots at Dave & Busters. This time, I hope that you will be able  
to sign the deal.  
Sweetly yours, NB

Jason,  
Thanks for the past two and a half years of my life. From  
snowboarding to traditional Swedish dance lessons, you've  
kept me entertained. Never forget I love you!  
Love, Mary

Patrick Kraus,  
You can push me down the shuffle board and I'll sand you  
down myself.  
Love, B-D

Kitty-Poo, I love you!  
Taken or single, you will ALWAYS be my Valentine!  
Love, Mary

Annette,  
Sister, you mean more to me than you'll ever know!  
Remember, never tell your right hand what your left hand is  
doing! Happy Valentine's Day Darling!  
Love, Mary

Kitty Nangle,  
I want to be the flavor of your day on Valentines Day!  
The Big D

Kyred,  
You are the kind of guy every woman wants to marry. How  
old are you, again?  
Love, A Chatty Admirer

Paul,  
I love you always.  
Kevin

Partner in Crime:  
If I give you the clues, do you promise to do a thorough  
investigation? Here is clue # 1: When you rob a bank, don't  
forget to take the money.  
Always, Clyde

K.B.  
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